

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the applicants' failure to identify a species from claims 3-7, 9, 13 and 15 for further prosecution and identify all claims readable thereon.

Applicants hereby identify tazarotene as the prodrug and tazarotenic acid as the drug.

Tazarotene is an ester of tazarotenic acid. Both compounds are retinoids and are sulfur-based. (See formula 1 on page 11 of the present specification.) Therefore, claims 3, 4 and 6-9 read on this species. (It is not understood why the Examiner is not including claim 8 in his action, since tazarotene in claim 8 is the prodrug of tazarotenic acid, which is the active drug of claim 7.)

If the Examiner wishes to discuss this response, he is invited to call the attorney of record at the telephone number given below.

The undersigned is an attorney of record.

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